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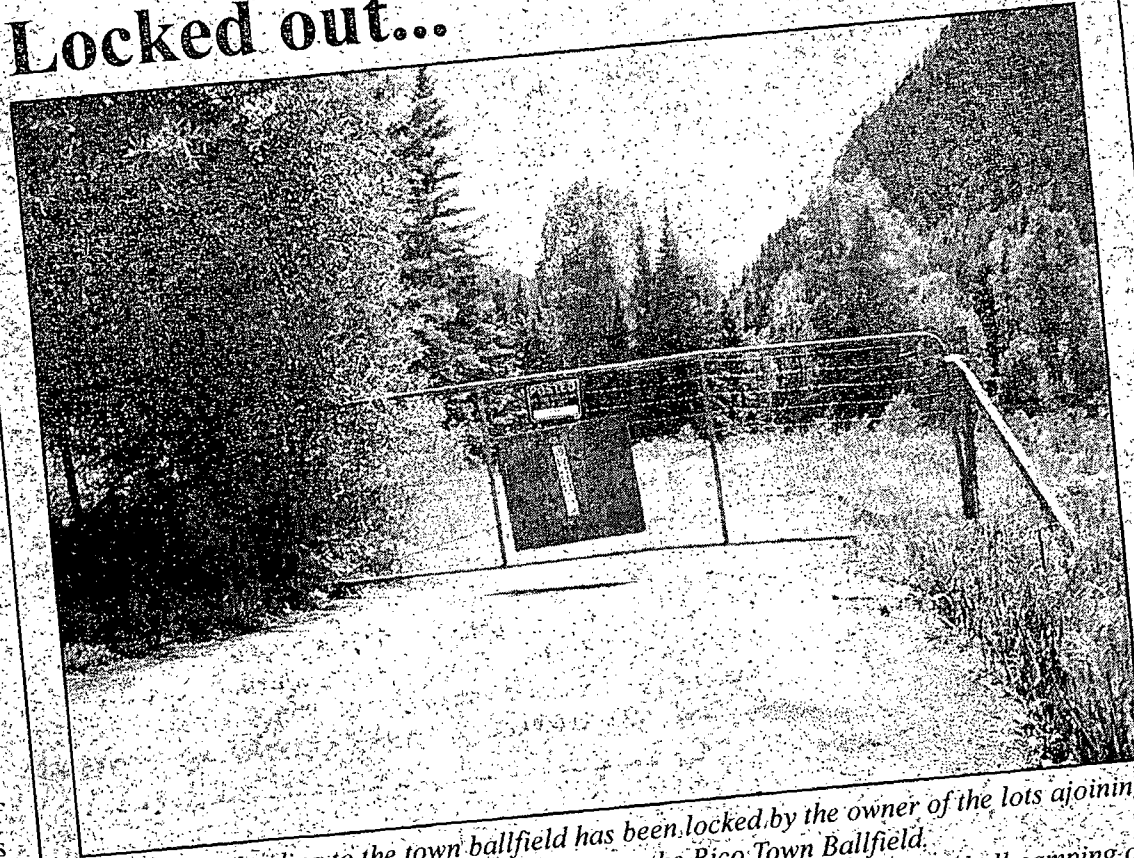
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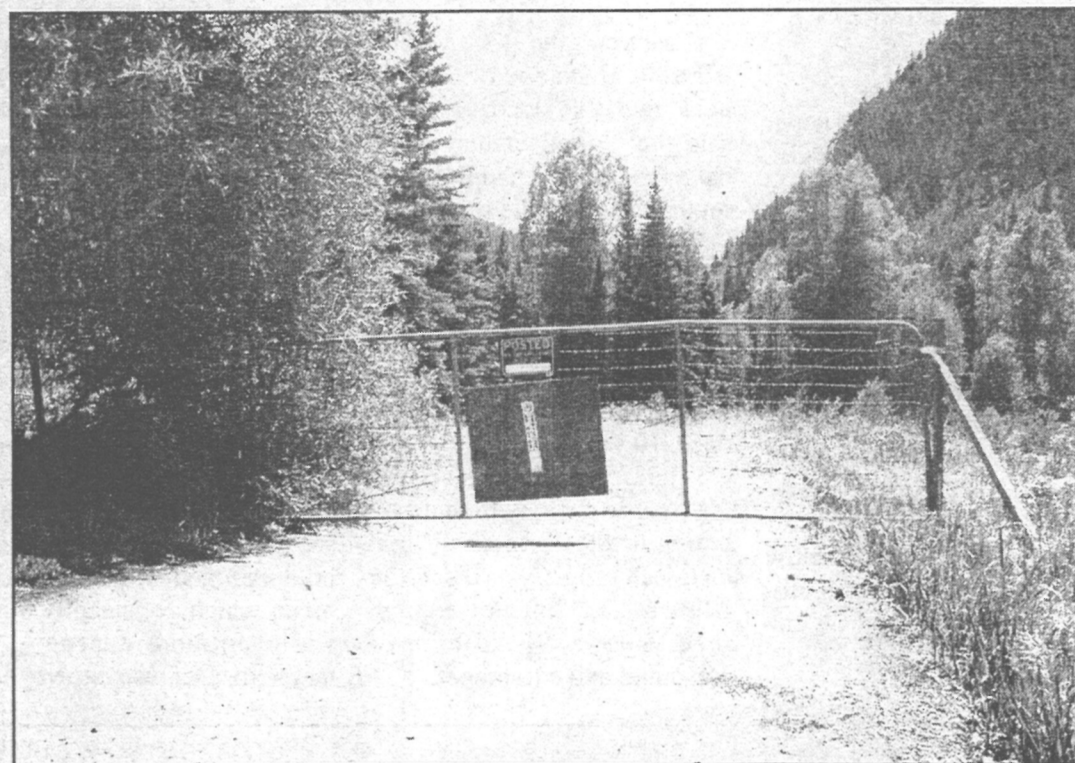
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CAMPING

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sues related to campfires or a general concern about forest safety related to fire danger, campers appear to be staying home in droves during the early weeks of the season.

Holtzendorf reported virtually empty campgrounds on his brief foray through parts of the San Isabel and Gunnison National Forests. More telling are the official accounts from the White River National Forest, the state's largest and scene of the widely publicized Coal Seam Fire near Glenwood Springs.

"Our campgrounds definitely are not full," said Sue Froeschle, public affairs officer for the forest. Froeschle gave as an example the popular South Fork Campground on the White River east of Meeker.

On a recent inspection, only four of 18 sites were in use.

"We receive numerous calls about forest closures. We inform them there are none," Froeschle said. "We make people aware of the restrictions on open campfires, but I don't know if that's the reason they don't come."

Conversely, forest use has declined only slightly in the Indian Peaks area west of Boulder, where open fires have been banned for years for

Nina de Gramont's impressive first collection of stories treats the significant two- and four-footed others in her heroines' lives with equal parts amazement, humor and rue.

In each of these stories, a woman triangulates love with her man and their cat(s) within the confines of a house. These are intimate, domestic stories, warm with cooking ovens and a shared couch or bed. And yet de Gramont finds plenty of elbowroom to weave her tales.

There's quite a smorgasbord of men in this collection: plumber, ranch hand, birdwatcher, home rebuilder, new father, even a dead hus-

For cat lovers, "Of Cats and Men" is a special treat, because the cats here are truer than the men. A fluffy, privileged Himalayan faces off with a scruffy, long-abandoned cat trying to make its way back into a house; a Siamese isn't sure what to do with a newborn child; an attention-starved barn cat fastens itself to the screen door, begging entrance.

Just like their real-life counterparts, these felines are always close by, not exactly involved in our human dramas, but nevertheless passionately engaged in that hot heart-space we call home.

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reasons related to localized environmental impact.

"People still are camping," said Martha Moran, recreational manager for the Boulder Ranger District of the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest. "When the weather is hot and dry along the Front Range, everyone wants to come to the mountains to escape the heat. The only time they stay home is when the weather turns cold and rainy."

Campers who use forest campgrounds in this season of drought are cautioned to bring extra drinking water, because springs and wells that traditionally provide a public supply have been severely depleted.

But leave the firewood at home.

Meeting

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along the numbers outlined by the Master Plan created a few years ago by Planning and Zoning.

Strategic Design Group also attended the meeting.

Much of the discussion revolved around the issue of the validity of the MOU committee at the point of the negotiation.

Most of the members felt it was time for SDG to meet with P&Z to hash out any further discussion of density, location and agreements.

All of the participants wanted to go ahead with the June 27th MOU meeting, in which representatives from ARCO will attend to discuss the possible future development north of town.

This area has been designated as a possible site for a light industrial location.

Wierd News!@*!!#@

Starbucks Robbers Serve Coffee For Cash

The three robbers who held up a Starbucks coffee shop in Monroe, Washington, were so disappointed with the money in the safe, that they served coffee for extra cash. They had to brew the coffee, take drive thru orders and serve customers, without

getting any police attention. According to police, about 18 to 25 cars pulled up to the drive thru and were served. The robbers locked the doors, and motioned to customers to use the drive thru. They served coffee for half an hour, before leaving in a getaway car. Police are still looking for the three assailants.

Overheard Quote:

"Pray for rain, rain and more rain!"

— The residents of Colorado